

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 as follows:

On page 1, please amend the title as follows:

*b1* COMPACT PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER WITH HIGH THERMAL OUTPUT

On page 5, lines 1-10, please amend the text as follows:

In this illustrative embodiment, the heater 100 generally operates by heating air that enters the housing 1 via an air inlet 17 positioned on the bottom of the housing 1 (shown in Figure 3), and exhausting the heated air through an air outlet 18 near the top of the housing 1. Although the air inlet 17 and the air outlet 18 may take any suitable form, shape or size, in this embodiment the air inlet is formed by openings formed in the bottom of the U-shaped bottom 10 and the air outlet 18 is formed by openings in the top grille 12. The openings of air inlet 17 and air outlet 18 can be formed, for instance, by a punch press process. In this embodiment, the air inlet 17 also includes an opening 17a formed in the front side of the U-shaped bottom 10 to allow air to pass into the housing 1 and help prevent false detection of overheat conditions in the housing 1, as will be discussed in more detail below.